



**Interdistrict School for Arts and Communication
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

March 19, 2025 at 4:00 pm
Meeting held virtually
New London, CT

In Attendance: Richard Muckle, Dr. Nicholas J. Spera, Dr. David Brailey, Kevin Booker, Lee Muller, Barbara Crouch, Bill Buscetto, Amanda Grundy, Shannon Lougee, Erica Robb, Amy Geary, Tanya Collins

MINUTES

4:00 pm

1. WELCOME/CALL TO ORDER

Chairman R.F. Muckle

1a. Establishment of Quorum – *quorum established*

1b. Public Comment – *1 comment received 2/5/2025*

Motion: to amend the agenda to add an executive session, for discussion of pending claim

Moved: B. Crouch; 2nd: K. Booker; Discussion: none; In Favor: all; Opposed: none; Abstentions: none

Motion Carries by unanimous voice vote

4:01 pm

2. CONSENT AGENDA

Chairman R.F. Muckle

- Approval of Minutes from the January BOD Meeting
- Approval of Minutes from the February Special Meet BOD Meeting
- Approval for Payment to G. Donovan Construction for \$297,244.86
- Acceptance of Executive Director Mid-Year Goals Reflection
- Acceptance of the Year-to-Date Profit/Loss Financial Report for February 2025

Motion: Approve and accept all items on the consent agenda

Moved: B. Crouch; 2nd: K. Booker; Discussion: none; In Favor: all; Opposed: none; Abstentions: none

Motion Carries by unanimous voice vote

4:03 pm

3. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

Dr. Spera

3a. CSDE Report Update

We continue to maintain the requirements on the CSDE action plan. We have a professional development coming up that will cover some of the components we agreed to completing.

3b. Grant Update

We are working on spending the \$700,000+ grant money received for 4th & 5th grade by September 30th. These grant funds cannot be used for construction or repairing the building. As a condition of the grant, we will be audited at the end of April.

3c. Legislative Update

March 3rd Gov. Lamont signed a public act addressing immigration enforcement in schools, all superintendents must designate an administrator to be responsible for interacting with federal immigration authorities. There will be a board policy coming in April as part of the requirements signed into the same public act.

3d. Student Recruitment & Lottery Results for 2025

We continue to receive applications.

3e. Hiring Update

We just hired a 6th grade science teacher and a school psych for next year. We have openings for a 4th and 5th grade teacher and a Special Education Teacher.

3f. Budget Process Outlook

4:15 pm

4. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

4a. FINANCE

Treasurer L. Muller

- Finance Update - March Minutes



4b. SCHOOL BUILDING

Chairman R.F. Muckle

- Approval for Payment to G. Donovan Construction for \$297,244.86 (CONSENT)
Date for brick work moved up to next week. Project expected to be completing in 4 or 5 weeks.

4:20 pm

5. NEW BUSINESS

Chairman R.F. Muckle

5a. Update Regarding Cell Phone Policy

Dr. Spera

Have had meetings/ conversations regarding policy. Not pursuing updating the policy at this time. We will look into updating policy later if cell phones become a bigger issue.

5b. Requirements for Submitting Healthy Food Certification Statement for 2025-26

a. Participation in the Healthy Food Option

Motion: Pursuant to C.G.S. Section 10-215f, the ISAAC Board of Directors certifies that all food items offered for sale to students in the schools under its jurisdiction, and not exempted from the Connecticut Nutrition Standards published by the Connecticut State Department of Education, will comply with the Connecticut Nutrition Standards during the period of July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026. This certification shall include all food offered for sale to students separately from reimbursable meals at all times and from all sources, including but not limited to school stores, vending machines, school cafeterias, culinary programs, and any fundraising activities on school premises sponsored by the school or non-school organizations and groups.

Motion: Motion, so moved, with a 'YES' vote

Moved: S. Longee; 2nd: B. Crouch; Discussion: none; In Favor: all w/ yes vote; Opposed: none; Abstentions: none

Motion Carries by unanimous voice vote

b. Allowance of Food and Beverage Exemptions

Possible Motion: The ISAAC Board of Directors will allow the sale to students of food items that do not meet the Connecticut Nutrition Standards provided that the following conditions are met: 1) the sale is in connection with an event occurring after the end of the regular school day or on the weekend; 2) the sale is at the location of the event; and 3) the food items are not sold from a vending machine or school store. An "event" is an occurrence that involves more than just a regularly scheduled practice, meeting, or extracurricular activity. For example, soccer games, school plays, and interscholastic debates are events but soccer practices, play rehearsals, and debate team meetings are not. The "regular school day" is the period from midnight before to 30 minutes after the end of the official school day. "Location" means where the event is being held and must be the same place as the food sales.

Motion: Motion, so moved, with a 'YES' vote

Moved: B. Crouch; 2nd: K. Booker; Discussion: none; In Favor: all w/ yes vote; Opposed: none; Abstentions: none

Motion Carries by unanimous voice vote

4:30 pm

6. MOTION TO MOVE TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chairman Muckle invites Dr. Spera

Motion: to move to executive session with Dr. Spera invited

Moved: B. Crouch; 2nd: B. Buscetto; Discussion: none; In Favor: all w/ yes vote; Opposed: none; Abstentions: none

Motion Carries by unanimous voice vote

4:30 pm

6. ADJOURNMENT

Chairman R.F. Muckle

Motion: To Adjourn

Moved: B. Crouch; 2nd: K. Booker; Discussion: none; In Favor: all; Opposed: none; Abstentions: none

Motion Carries by unanimous voice vote